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TO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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TAGS: PGOV, OVIP, PFOR, LA, US

SUBJECT: WOODCOCK LETTER TO NOUPHAN SITHPHASAY

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER TEXT OF FOLLOWING  
LETTER FROM LEONARD WOODCOCK, CHAIRMAN OF PRESIDENTIAL  
COMMISSION ON AMERICANS MISSING AND UNACCOUNTED FOR IN  
SOUTHEAST ASIA, TO SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS NOUPHAN SITHPHASAY, WHO HEADED LAO DELEGATION  
AT RECENT TALKS.

BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR MR. SECRETARY OF STATE:

ON BEHALF OF MY FELLOW COMMISSIONERS, I WANT TO THANK  
YOU FOR YOUR GOVERNMENT'S WILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE US  
AND FOR YOUR WARM HOSPITALITY DURING OUR VISIT TO YOUR  
COUNTRY.

WE WERE GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A FULL,  
OPEN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH YOU AND THE OTHER MEMBERS  
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OF YOUR GOVERNMENT'S DELEGATION. I HOPE THAT THESE  
TALKS WILL RESULT IN GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND INCREASED  
FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS. I ASSURE YOU THAT  
MY COLLEAGUES ON THE COMMISSION AND I WILL DO EVERYTHING  
IN OUR POWER TO SEE THAT IT DOES. I TAKE THE LIBERTY OF

FORWARDING FOR YOUR INFORMATION A COPY OF THE COMMISSION'S

REPORT TO PRESIDENT CARTER.

PLEASE CONVEY MY APPRECIATION AND BEST WISHES ALSO TO PRESIDENT SOUPHANOUVONG, AND FOREIGN MINISTER PHOUNE SIPRASEUTH, WHO SO GRACIOUSLY RECEIVED THE COMMISSION DURING ITS VISIT.

SINCERELY, LEONARD WOODCOCK, CHAIRMAN PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON AMERICANS MISSING AND UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. END QUOTE.

2. DEPARTMENT POUCHES A COPY OF THE COMMISSION'S REPORT TO EMBASSY MARCH 31. YOU MAY WISH TO AWAIT THE REPORT'S ARRIVAL TO ENCLOSE IT WITH THE TEXT. SIGNED COPY OF LETTER WITH ENCLOSURE OF EXTRA COPIES OF COMMISSION'S REPORT WILL FOLLOW BY CLASSIFIED POUCH WHICH LEAVES DEPARTMENT APRIL 14.  
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